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## PATENT APPLICATION

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## **FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Dear Sir:

By way of preliminary amendment, please amend the above identified application as set forth below.

#### **In the Drawings:**

Please amend Fig. 1 of the drawings presently on file per the attached Submission.

**Also enclosed are new formal drawings including the requested amendments.**

#### **In the Specification:**

Please amend paragraphs 002-005, 009, 010 and 015-018 the specification as follows  
in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are  
shown by strikeout. Please enter the replacement specification paragraphs into the record of  
this case.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-12, as well as any Chapter II amended claims, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 13-16 as follows.